Dear Jim, White 2/7/76

This is a day of blessings for us but also of interruptions. Some of the fine young people I have come to know organized themselves and earlier today delivered to a local warehouse the books I'm putting into commercial channels. Now they are going over the returns of the past, reboxing and repricing them. We're down to one box of the editions of Whitewash with an index and we have to preserve them for special uses until we can reprint. We can't now but hope to soon. So, when they are finished or run out of labels, whichever comes first, I'll know how many I have of which book and when I have no choice and will have to reprint.

These are wonderful, decent, concerned young people, both men and women. To save a trip with the van and overtime we put the overflow in my car, unloaded it first, one of the girls went with me and we loaded up on picnic-lunch stuff and had a very pleasant one. I think you can understand how under any circumstances and help would touch me and how much more it means when it is beyond my physical capacity.

So, until this is over, I can't concentrate enough to write on the new book.

Your mailing including the letters of 2/3 and 4 came today. I read them then, while resting my legs.

Thanks for taking the time with Mark. I'll either go with the Sony, which is limiting, or chance it on the Lanier as it now stands. Each has advantages and disadvantages. Despite the weight the Lanier is used locally and successfully in breast pockets. I have a friend who runs a clinic, the local mental health one, and he is satisfied, using it for memos in the office as he walks around and in his car. Local school principals use it the same way. I think the ultimate decision will be based on whether the friend who had the idea and made the offer is willing to do this because I have no doubt that I'll find it useful if I get over the present limitations. I will not on some. In the house I can carry the Sony and use the external mike you gave me. If I do I'll get the rechargable pack. Outside this will be more awkward. For example, on planes and buses. The Lanier has a filtering system for these noises and the control extend above the pocket. It means I could work when there is no vacant adjacent seat. It also means the atpes will have to be dubbed for transcription if I try to write this way, as I may and think in time I'll have to.

My immediate concern is for prior to the end of tax season. After that Lil will have some time and the pressures will ease. Now she can8t do any retyping, for example.

There is an advantage in being able to prepare a memo for Lesar while going to see him on a crowded bus, dubbung the tape while we do other things, and leaving the tape with him. He can do as I do, listen to the tape while driving. I'll do this Monday with the McDonald you sent. (I have a cheap, large Panasonic for this. The batteries last and the volume is good.)

Later: There is , I think, a subtlety and kindness in your 2/4, I think that to a degree it is accurate, and I appreciate your saying, without saying it, that the anxiety shows. I have some awareness of it, probably less than I should.

With volume retrieval becomes a real problem, but aside from reassuring you because I know and appreciate your concern I'm also making a record in the event of need. If something happens there will be this need. If nothing happens there may well be another need, doing something about this to finance the medical care I have gotten and am not getting.

The meeting with the doctor is covered in a memo I think I sent you and Howard. It was all optimism again and no answers to anything, even those questions I wrote and mailed in advance. No explanation of any of the discomforts, etc. However, when I returned from New York and knew that doctor sent a letter before I left I decided to give GHA a reasonable time to react. When there was none I made a local appointment, as

I later learned not wisely, not knowing there is a difference between a G.P. and an internist. So, Monday I'm seeing the only local doctor I know, a G.P. I'll ask for an expert referral and hope there is such a local expert.

I also get my new glasses Monday and hope these are an improvement.

If I can correctly analyze myself my major concern is getting to where I can do more and not worry about it. For example, with what I've had to do today the heels are giving me trouble. I have to keep the legs up to ease the circulation. I attribute today's greater discomfort to the lack of any vigorous walk and to more than the ususal standing, even though I did move around. Whatever it means in terms of health it is an annoyance and interferes with writing and concentration.

Another concern is putting weight on. I didn't think to ask the doctor about an exercycle so I did, later, by phone. He was incubating the flu and yesterday was home with it.

Your review sounds interesting. I think I'd like to read it if it isn't used, too.

I think the haste, excitement and frequently anger and frustration of the letters leads you to concern about exhaustion and my coming apart. Jim, who is in close touch, gives no indication of such belief and I don't think it. There is tension, old and new. There are real problems about what to do and how. My functioning has not been impaired, although I am more limited. I am not more emotionally exhausted than I was. I presume there is some and no awareness. I don't lose my cool, I don't blow, unless I want to, as with Bud and some of the letters. While some of the letters lend themselves to an effort at misuse as I see it they have built the record Jim will need. GHA and government. I rarely take a tranquilizer, for example. I am taking about a glass of wine more a day, and it helps a little.

I don't think I'm coming apart emotionally. I've lived with too many problems for too long. But I recognize the difficulty when there is personal involvement and first soon after leaving the hospital and again a week ago I made efforts for local expert consultations on this. When there is an opening I may get it. This is to say that while I do not believe the problem exists I have taken steps to learn as much as I can.

It must appear more hectic than I think it is. But I do everything in such a rush, preferring this to letting some go. Largely in some areas it is working very well. I'm really forcing the government. Their brief in the appeals court actually admits the FBI did not do a real JFK investigation. Wild but true. When we stay eyeball-to-eyeball with me push, the mountain gives. Jim got a letter today offering to spend a week (my cost $325.00) going over the withheld ing files to answer our interrogatories. Jim today mailed a letter with the prescribed initial payment and a record that we reserve the right to seek to recover these costs while we simultaneously guarantee prompt payment. Can you imagine the amount of material that it will take a lawyer a week to go over? Yet they had already filed an "Answer" in court alleging full compliance. I take this and what follows as a sign my nerves are holding up.

They have decided to make an issue of me and my charges of perjury before the appeals court that voted 8-1 against me, 9-1, one sitting improperly, and to exploit the prejudice against the subject. I asked Jim to join issue with them on their ground and force a court to consider the issues <u>they</u> raise. Our oral argument on other matters is simple and Jim will file a written reply brief we have already gone over. Again, head on. We'll lay it out straight but with Jim's lawyer's politeness. The issue will also be joined in tandem, the actuality if perjury and the actuality of misrepresentations to courts, sticking to their obsence brief. It is despate, not I.

I think you'll soon learn that Livingston has resigned. He knows he'll be fired if he doesn't. Ray has done this with remarkable subtlety, perfect timing and on the right bases. I have his letter. He uses me as his foundation, explicitly, without even asking

because he knows I speak the truth and deliver proof if needed. Jim, who got the copy first, now agrees with my interpretation. At first I did not conceive the idea that it was an invitation to resign, thought it a prelude to firing. I don't know if Jimmy is aware that he has handled this brilliantly.

Other things are working. I did cut CBS off at the knees with that press conference. I did pick up a better alternative (save in influence) when the Times double-crossed. It has worked out beautifully to now. I have a possible alternative to my New York friend on the new King book. I have proven FBI responsibility in the Memphis riots that caused King's killing to be there, beginning with an absolutely correct if farout analysis of Church committee offerings by the FBI. I have forced the CIA to deliver some of their files. I have built a record with the FBI on a number of fronts. (I did find the request. Would you like the return of the copies? Or maybe I'll just send them because they are extras. It was in a letter to Levi.) I have new possibilities on the Hill. I could go on and all. All this after I left the hospital. So, I think my judgement and my functioning are not impaired if my expression may lead to concerns.

And I've made a start on the new book. I expect to get further into it tomorrow.

The kids have left. They'll be coming up as often as they can to do the things for me I can't. They delivered all the books to the warehouse for shipment today. They started to restack, etc., in the basement and will complete that next week. I'll not be a bit surprised if within a month they'll have done much of what I now can't and earlier did not have time to get to in systematizing dead storage, including putting up shelves and preparing files, men and women doing different work. I even know how many copies I have of the first books now where the supply is critical. It provides gratification for them and for me. It also is meanigful help for me.

While I wrote most of this after they finished in the basement they were going over files, pictures, etc., and that, too, excited them. They have planned already what they want to look at next Saturday and I've suggested that now that the big job is past maybe it would be better if they mixed more of this in with the work. Their first interest next week is in the Ray extradition papers. So, I was sitting here answering their questions. One of the reasons I've run to this length.

If I've forgotten to respond to anything I was writing from morning recollection.

Now it is supper time and after that other work.

If I think I have no new problems with nerves or rather none new that have become a problem I do have concerns about the physical. Turner says no more clots. I don't know how he can know and I do recall the history of ex-GL. That is not often on my mind. I suppose because I know there is nothing I can do other than making the efforts I've started. The new discomforts are on my mind. On the other hand, I've been able to get to the point where most of the susually not less than 7-8 continuous hours I spend in the sack are sleep. I wake up and go back to sleep immediately. That I do is necessary. That I can is encouraging to me. It tells me I can adjust and have at least begun.

If I get reassurance I can trust about the physical I know I'll feel better about this. I can't trust GHA now and don't. They are worried and will serve their interest, not mine.

Thanks for taking the time with all you want to do.

Best,